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1. [redacted] two different construction boards were in existence in East Germany on 14 December 1952. One was the Hauptverwaltung Bau (Main Construction Administration) with branches in all major cities. It was responsible for general construction projects. The other was the Bauverwaltung des Stellvertreters fuer Wirtschaftsfragen des Ministers des Inneren (Construction Department of the Deputy for Economic Affairs, Ministry of the Interior), the former Bureau fuer Wirtschaftsfragen (Bureau for Economic Affairs). The latter agency was responsible for the execution of military construction projects for the Volkspolizei or the Soviet occupation forces. Horst Praessler was the chief of the construction department.
2. The Bauverwaltung controlled Oberbaustaebes (main construction headquarters) in Eggesin for the Bauunion Nordost, in Sagard for the Bauunion Nord, and in unknown places for the Bauunion Sued and the Bauunion Kueste. The Bauunion Kueste was being organized and allegedly was to be headed by the previous manager of the Schwerin Bauunion.
3. The Eggesin Oberbaustab was headed by one Grund (fnu) and the Bauunion Nordost by one Marcour (fnu). The Bauunion Nordost was organized into the personnel department, the technical department, the commercial department, the labor department and the main bookkeeping department. The technical department which was headed by one Mehlig (fnu), was organized into the construction control section, the statical section, the quality-testing section, the main mechanical section, the safety section, the planning section and the preparation of work section. The commercial department, whose director was one Mutz (fnu), was organized into the bookkeeping section, the material supply section, the transportation section, the legal section, the auditing section and the pay office. The labor department, whose director was one Stark (fnu) was organized into the section for technical work standards and the welfare section. Numerous Russians were assigned to the Eggesin Oberbaustab. Among them was one Lieutenant Colonel (Eng) Efchenko (fnu).
4. The chief of the Sagard Oberbaustab was one Schadow (fnu), the director of the Bauunion Nord was one Spies (fnu) and the commercial director of the same Bauunion one Katsch (fnu).

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5. It was determined that the project connected with the construction of VP billets in the Prenzlau-Torgelow-Altwarp area was filed under the reference of "Government Contract B/2/3190". The contract covered ten construction projects including Project I Pasewalk, former designation: Pa; Project II Stallberg, former designation: T-3; Project III Prora, former designation: Pr; Project IV Prenzlau, former designation: Pr; Project V Pinnow, former designation: Pi; Project VI Droegheide, former designation: T-1; Project VII Eggesin, former designation: E; Project VIII Karpin, former designation: E-1; Project IX Spechtberg, former designation: T-2; and Project X Altwarp, former designation: A. A total of about 1,000 standardized officers' billets were under construction at the sites of the individual projects.

6. [] the following details on the above-mentioned projects:

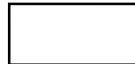
- a. Project I: Pasewalk. The project included two billets and one kitchen-and-mess building in the area of the former Kuerassier Kasernen.
- b. Project II: Stallberg. The project included two barracks blocks each with a capacity of about one battalion. Each block consisted of four quartering buildings, one headquarters building and one kitchen-and-mess building. Besides, there were six low wooden buildings which were being used as accommodations for workers but were eventually to serve as motor vehicle sheds. A total of 170 standardized apartment houses were also under construction.
- c. Project III: Prora. No details on the project, which was executed by the Potsdam Bauunion, were known.⁴
- d. Project IV: Prenzlau. The project included at least two billets to increase the capacity of the air base barracks installation.
- e. Project V: Pinnow. The project is connected with the enlargement of the VP tank school existing at this place.⁴
- f. Project VI: Droegheide. The project included two barracks blocks each consisting of six billeting buildings, one headquarters building, one kitchen-and-mess building and about six low wooden buildings which will be converted into motor vehicle sheds. Preliminary work for the construction of standardized houses adjoining the barracks blocks to the north was under way.
- g. Project VII: Eggesin. Among others, two billeting buildings were under construction in the area of the former ammunition depot.
- h. Project VIII: Karpin. During the reported period, the project received 35 percent of the material supplies. The project included four blocks, each of which consisted of 6 billets, 1 headquarters building and 1 kitchen-and-mess building, and at least 300 standardized apartment houses.
- i. Project IX: Spechtberg. No information on barracks installation under construction at Spechtberg was available. Work on the construction of apartment houses had begun.⁴
- j. Project X: Altwarp. The project included 1 block of 6 quartering buildings, 1 headquarters building and 1 kitchen-and-mess building and a number of low wooden buildings.

7. Source believed that some of the installations mentioned will be occupied as follows: Project I, infantry units; Project II, artillery units; Project VI, engineer units; Projects VII and IX, tank units; and Project VIII, units of various branches of service. Projects VII and IX were guarded by officers.

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Government Contract B/2/3190 which had originally been given "Priority I" was recently assigned "Priority V", probably in view of the progress made in the meantime.

8. A transportation staff was recently organized within the transportation department of the Baunions Nordost. This staff, which will ensure full utilization of all available means of transport, was headed by the director of the transportation department Reiss (fnu) and included the personal representative of Director General Richard Staimer; one Lange (fnu); the special commissioner of the Directorate General, Motor Traffic and Roads, Berlin, Bachmann (fnu); the commissioner of the DSU, Zimmer (fnu), who had his seat in Ueckermuende; the staff officer material supplies Kleiner (fnu); and a staff officer loading and unloading operations, Lipsch (fnu).
9. The building materials were unloaded at Ueckermuende, Eggesin, Gumnitz and Torgelow, and to a lesser extent also at Jatznick. Up to 300 carloads arrived within a 24-hour period. The railroad spur tracks in the area of the former German Air Force ammunition depot in Torgelow (Sprengchemie) were also reconstructed. The original number of about 1,000 trucks used for unloading operations was reduced to about 500. Barges were unloaded in Ueckermuende, Altwarp and Eggesin. A railroad spur serving Camp VI at Droegeheide was constructed near Gumnitz. About 70 million bricks have been supplied to the construction site. About 12,000 construction workers were employed. Additionally plumbers, stove fitters and other craftsmen were being hired.⁶

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